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1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA HAS CONDEMNED ANGLO-U.S. AGREEMENT ON "HUGE NAVAL AND AIR FORCE BASE" ON DIEGO GARCIA, BUT HAS CONTINUED TO PLACE EXPANSION OF FACILITY ON CONTEXT OF "THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY- OF INDIAN OCEAN RIPARIAN STATES WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING IMPACT ON SOVIET INTERESTS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA FEBRUARY 10 CARRIES VLADIMIR OZEROV COMMENTARY ON ANNOUNCEMENT THAT U.S. INTENDS TO EXPAND FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA HERETOFORE USED

COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT OF POLARIS-EQUIPPED SUBMARINES. ARTICLE DISINGENUOUSLY MAINTAINS THAT SINCE SOVIET PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN SERVES ONLY PEACEFUL PURPOSES, STATED RATIONALE OF MATCHING SOVIET PRESENCE DOES NOT STAND UP. EXPANSION MUST THEREFORE BE DESIGNED FOR CONDUCTING "POLICY OF INTIMIDATION" AGAINST NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA AND AGAINST RIPARIAN STATES ATTEMPTING TO GAIN FULL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE. RESULT OF THIS, OZEROV CONCLUDES, IS "CONCERN AND FEAR" ON PART OF RIPARIAN STATES, WHO ADVOCATE INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE AND REGARD NEW BASE AS A DIRECT THREAT TO THEIR NATIONAL SECURITY.

3. COMMENT: PRAVDA PIECE REPRESENTS FURTHER EFFORT TO DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN PRESENCE TOWARD ALLEGED ENCROACHMENT ON INTERESTS OF RIPARIAN STATES THEMSELVES. NEVERTHELESS, REFERENCE TO EXISTING SUPPORT FOR POLARIS SUBMARINES BETRAYS ONE OF PRIMARY REASONS FOR SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO EXPANDED U.S. PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN.
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